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Over the course of the last several years, it has unfortunately been necessary for Federal Wildland Fire Management agencies to mobilize Serious Accident Investigation Teams a number of times. The mobilization of these teams has been in connection with a variety of accidents, both fire-related and non-fire, that resulted in one or more employee fatalities.

Given the proven need for Serious Accident Investigation Teams, the BLM Training Group at the National Interagency Fire Center has developed a short (16-hour) training course for Accident Investigation Team Leaders, to prepare prospective Accident Investigation Team Leaders for future assignments. Information will be presented on policy, team leader responsibilities, investigation team management, roles of other personnel and entities, and logistical considerations. Although the course emphasizes fire-related accident investigations, many of the skills and procedures covered are applicable to any type of accident investigation.

The team leader position is staffed by a senior management official (e.g., Field Office Manager in BLM); people at this level with an interest in the subject are the target audience for this course. The training session will be held April 20 and 21 at NIFC.

Once you have identified personnel from your area who should attend this course, please respond to this memorandum with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the individuals. A tuition fee of \$100 will be assessed for non-BLM participants in this training session. **The nomination deadline is April 5, 1999.** There is no pre-work for the course, however completion of the I-100 course (*Introduction to the Incident Command System*) is advised.

Nominations, correspondence or questions should be referred to Larry Sutton, the National Interagency Fire Center - BLM Training Group, 208-387-5374.

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